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**TO:** Chairperson Fraise and Taylor and members of the State Prison System Planning Study Committee

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**RE:** First Meeting and Agenda

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Enclosed please find a copy of the tentative agenda for our meeting at the Iowa State Penitentiary in Ft. Madison on Wednesday, September 19, 2007, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Also enclosed are proposed committee rules and the charge.

In addition, you will find background materials related to our tour of the Iowa State Penitentiary, including summaries of the Durrant Group, Inc. recommendations, aerial photographs of the Iowa State Penitentiary and Farm #1, prison population figures as of July 1, 2007, and prison construction projects in other states identified by the National Conference of State Legislatures for FY 2003-2004 and FY 2005-2006.

You will need photo identification to enter the Iowa State Penitentiary and you will not be allowed to take your cell phone or any cameras with you into the prison.

The Department of Corrections has asked us to dress in business or business casual attire, suits or slacks are preferred. In addition, please wear comfortable toe covered shoes. Do not wear jeans, perfume, or cologne.

I realize many of you do not need directions to the Iowa State Penitentiary but if you are traveling south on Highway 61, you will enter Ft. Madison from the north, and you will see the prison as you drive south towards the Mississippi River, then turn left on Avenue G to enter the prison. If you are traveling from the west take I-80 East to Highway 218 and head south to the Donnellson exit, which is Highway 2. Turn left on Highway 2 and proceed east through Ft.

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Madison until you reach the River Bridge, then turn left onto G Avenue to enter the prison.

Parking may be difficult when you arrive, however, the warden has allowed us to park at his residence, which will be the first residence on the right as you enter the prison from Avenue G.

After entering through the main entrance of the Iowa State Penitentiary you will be directed to our meeting room.

